

## **JP Court truancy program earns recognition** **Cape Gazette**

The New Castle County Community Council honored the Truancy Court Program of the Justice of the Peace as its Program of the Year. This award is given annually to a program that has significant impact on children and families. The organization is a remaining project from the Carper administration's Family Services Cabinet Council.

The program serves as the only statewide court-based initiative in the United States that makes parents and truant students accountable and helps parents take back control and responsibility of their children. Since its inception in 1996, the Truancy Court has been providing services to families with truancy problems.

For more information about the program, call Janet Urdahl, Justice of the Peace Truancy Court coordinator at 302-739-1293.

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